

### The Ornithological Journals.

**Bird Lore.** Vol. XIV, No. 4. July–August, 1912.

A list of Trees, Shrubs, Vines and Herbaceous Plants Native to New England, Bearing Fruit or Seeds Attractive to Birds. By F. H. Kennard.

Observations in a Laughing Gull Colony. By Francis Harper — At Cobbs Island, Va.

Some Nesting Habits of the Oregon Junco. By May R. Thayer.

Red-headed Woodpecker at Camden, N. J. By Julian K. Potter.

The Yellow-headed Blackbird. By Thomas S. Roberts. Educational Leaflet No. 57.

**The Condor.** Vol. XIV, No. 4. July–August, 1912.

Birds of the Cottonwood Groves [New Mexico]. By Florence Merriam Bailey.

Notes on the Wading Birds of the Barr Lake Region, Colorado. By Robert B. Rockwell. — With excellent photographs of nests.

Present and Future Status of the California Valley Quail. By H. C. Bryant.

A Journey to the Star Lake Country and other Notes from the Tahoe Region. By Milton C. Ray.

The Present Status of the Colorado Check-List of Birds. By W. W. Cooke. — A discussion of the species added by W. L. Sclater in his 'History of the Birds of Colorado' and those rejected by him.

Prof. Cooke considers that seven species should be rejected from Sclater's list while fifteen should be added upon the evidence here presented, making the total number of species for the state 403.

**The Wilson Bulletin.** No. 79. June, 1912.

A Study of the Home Life of the Brown Thrasher, *Toxostoma rufum*. By Ira N. Gabrielson. — The four young were tagged for identification and 775 feedings by the parents were recorded as to time, nature of food, and individual fed, and sex of parent. The results are tabulated in various ways and yield valuable results.

A Study of the Avifauna of the Lake Erie Islands (continued). By Lynds Jones.

**The Oologist.** Vol. XXIX, No. 6. June 15, 1912.

The Bewick's Wren [in southwestern Pennsylvania]. By S. S. Dickey

**The Oologist.** Vol. XXIX, No. 7. July 15, 1912.

Nesting of the Virginia and Sora Rails in Pennsylvania. By R. C. Harlow.

**The Oologist.** Vol. XXIX. No. 8. August 15, 1912.

The American Bittern [about Buffalo, N. Y.] By Ottomar Reinecke.

Breeding Birds of Marshall Co., Ill. By R. M. Barnes.

**The Ibis.** IX Series. Vol. VI, No. 23. July, 1912.

On the Birds of Ngamiland. By W. R. Ogilvie-Grant. With Itinerary and Field-notes by R. B. Woosnam. — An interesting account of a journey across the Kalahari desert to the Okavango marshes, Bechuanaland. The

collection of birds was by no means complete but 92 species are listed, of which five are new *Cisticola kalahariæ*, *Bradypteris bedfordi*, *Certhilauda kalahariæ*, *Trachyphonus nobilis* and *Pycnonotus tricolor ngamii*.

Contributions to the Ornithology of Egypt. No. III. The Birds of the Wadi Natron. By M. J. Nicoll.—This paper covers the ornithology of a chain of salt lakes situated northwest of Cairo, 171 species are listed.

Bird-notes in two Andalusian Sierras. By Captain H. Lynes.—A discussion of the life zones of some of the mountainous parts of Spain — San Cristobal and Sierra Nevada — with a list of 82 species.

Observations on the genus *Careba*, together with an Annotated List of the Species. By Percy R. Lowe.—An exceedingly interesting Monograph with a correlation of the distribution of the species with geological history. Two main color types exist, corresponding quite well with the mid-tertiary land areas. That covering the Central American and Andean region has extended by a probable ancient land bridge to Jamaica, Haiti and Porto Rica, while the species of the Lesser Antilles belong to the Brazilian type, these islands having been probably formerly connected with the eastern coast region of Venezuela. 800 specimens were examined and 34 species and subspecies are recognized, *C. chloropyga cayennensis*, Cayenne, and *C. luteola montana*, Merida, Venezuela, are described as new.

**Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club, CLXXIX.**

Messrs. Wallis and Pearson describe the nesting of two Algerian Larks, *Rhamphocorys clot-bey* and *Ammomanes deserti algeriensis* and the Mediterranean Gallinule, *Porphyrio cæruleus*.

Mr. Ogilvie-Grant reports that Mr. Walter Goodfellow who has been exploring Mount Arizan, Formosa, had successfully brought to the coast living specimens of the splendid Mikado Pheasant, *Calophasis mikado*. He also describes the following new birds from Mr. Goodfellow's collection: *Horeites acanthizoides concolor*, *Brachypteryx goodfellowi*, *Parus ater ptilosus*, and *Dicaeum formosum*.

**Bulletin of the British Ornithologists' Club, CLXXX.**

Mr. Ogilvie-Grant shows the distinctness of the three African Francolins, *Francolinus castaneicollis*, *F. bottegi* and *F. gofanus*.

Mr. Thomas Parkin records a specimen of *Terekia cinerea* from Kent, a new bird for Great Britain.

Dr. Percy R. Lowe's new race of the Lesser Black-backed Gull, *Larus fuscus britannicus*, is discussed at length.

Mr. H. J. Elwes describes briefly his recent journey to Formosa. The following new birds are described, *Erythrocerus nyasæ* Ogilvie-Grant, Nyassaland: and *Scops spurrelli* Ogilvie-Grant, Ashanti.

Appended to this number is a paper on the birds of the Island of Shaweishan by J. D. La Touche revised by C. B. Rickett. This investigation was financed by the Ornithologists' Club for the purpose of obtaining information on the migration of birds on the Chinese coast. 193 species are listed.

**The Avicultural Magazine.** Vol. III, No. 8. June, 1912.

Notes on Sexual Selection. By Frank Finn (concluded in July number).  
Diary of Birds seen on the White Nile (concluded). By Richard Staples-Browne.

Wintering Cranes in New England. By J. C. Phillips.

**British Birds.** Vol. VI, No. 1. June 1, 1912.

The Lesser Black-backed Gull of the British Isles. *Larus fuscus britannicus* subsp. nov. By Percy R. Lowe.

Tengmalm's Owl captured in Northumberland. Its Behaviour in Captivity. By J. M. Charlton.

**British Birds.** Vol. VI, No. 2. July 1, 1912.

Robert Sibbald and his Prodrômus. By W. H. Mullens.— Extracts and plates from this curious old work.

**British Birds.** Vol. VI, No. 3. August 1, 1912.

The Terek Sandpiper in Kent. A New British Bird. By Thomas Parkin.

**Bird Notes.** June and July, 1912.

Birds of Gambia. By E. Hopkinson (continued in both numbers).  
Colored plate of *Chloropsis aurifrons* in July.

**The Emu.** XII, Pt. 1. July, 1912.

Field Ornithology in South Australia — By Capt. S. A. White.— Account of a collecting trip to the Eyre peninsula with field notes on many species.

Examination of Contents of Stomachs and Crops of Australian Birds — by J. Burton Cleland.— 105 stomachs of 53 species.

New Birds for Australia. By A. J. Campbell (published separately, May 21, 1912).— New species are *Ptilonorhynchus minor*, Heberton Range; *Ptilotis carpentariensis* Burketown, Gulf of Carpentaria; *Ptilotis subchrysops*, Northern Queensland.

Lilac nape-band on Female Bower-Birds (*Chlamydodera*). By H. L. White — shown to occur on some females beyond question.

Descriptions of eggs of *Ptilonorhynchus minor* and *Ninox strenua*. By H. L. White.

Metallic Starlings (*Calornis*). By E. J. Banfield.— Observations on nesting and habits.

Breeding Habits of White Tern (*Gygis alba*) of the Kermadec Group. By R. S. Bell.— An exceedingly interesting account with photographs showing the egg and young. The egg is always deposited on a limb or leaning trunk of the Pohutukawa tree (*Metrosideros villosus*) on flat or slightly hollowed places in the bark. There is no nest structure whatever.

Oologists in the Mallee. By F. Erasmus Wilson.— Notes on 79 species with several excellent photographs of nests and birds.

Kangaroo Island Reserve.— B. J. W. Mellor.— Urges the enlargement of the small area now protected by the government.

Bird Life near Home. By Thos. P. Austin.

Forgotten Feathers.— Lewin's Birds of New Holland, 1808. By Gregory M. Mathews.

**Journal of the South African Ornithologists' Union.** VIII, No. 1. June, 1912.

On some Birds in the Durban Museum. By E. C. Chubb.

Notes on the Migratory Birds of the Buffalo River Basin. By Rev. Robt. Godfrey.

Field-Notes on Birds collected at Blaauberg, N. Transvaal. By F. O. Noome.

Description of a New Flycatcher. By Austin Roberts.—*Tarsiger stellatus transvaalensis*, subsp. nov., Woodbush, Transvaal.

Notes on a Collection of Birds in the Transvaal Museum from Boror, Portuguese East Africa. Part II. By Austin Roberts.—*Pelronia superciliaris bororensis*, *Pycnonotus layardi pallidus* and *Cisticola ruficapilla bororensis*, subsp. nov.

**Ornithologische Monatsberichte.** June, 1912.

On the Song of Birds. By Fritz Braun.

On *Crateropus caudatus altirostris* Hart. By N. Sarudny — Regards it as a synonym of *C. c. salvadorii* De Filippi.

*Turdus viscivorus loudoni* nom. nov. By N. Sarudny For. *T. v. sarudnyi* Loudon.

Behavior of birds during the Solar eclipse of April 17, 1912. By Dr. B. Ottow.

Description of a new Woodpecker from Colombia. By Dr. J. von Madarasz. *Chrysophilus ujhelyii* from Aracataca.

Do young birds require the instruction of their parents? By Dr. J. Gengler.

*Lagopus lagopus brevirostris* subsp. nov. By Dr. E. Hesse.—From Altai.

*Pitta habenichti* Finsch., n. sp. New Guinea. Cf. also article in the following number.

**Ornithologische Monatsberichte.** July–August, 1912.

Remarks on A. Voigt's Problems of Interpretation of Bird Notes. By Fritz Braun.

Remarks on the Crested Larks of Suez, Sinai and Palistine. By Paul Kollibay.

On the nest of *Tachornis parvus myochrous* in Dutch East Africa. By Ludwig Schuster.

*Lynx thorbeckei* Rehw. n. sp. Kamerun.

**Journal für Ornithologie.** July, 1912.

Report on Bird Migration observations for 1911. By Dr. J. Thiene-mann.

From Suez to St. Katherine's Monastery (Sinai). By O. Graf Zedlitz.—An annotated list of 59 species (to be continued).

Ornithology of N. W. Mesopotamia and Interior Syria (continued). By Dr. H. Weigold.

On the nuptial flight and call notes of the Marsh Hawks and Short-eared Owl. By Dr. E. Hesse.

**Ornithologisches Jahrbuch.** XXIII. Nos. 3-4. May-August, 1912.

The Geographic Races of *Chloris chloris*. By A. Laubmann.—Seven are recognized.

The Forms of *Emberiza citrinella* L. 1758. By Dr. J. Gengler.—Four recognized.

On the Birds of the Island of Arbe (North Dalmatia). By Dr. G. Schiebel.

Several Reports on the invasion of Nuthatches in the winter of 1911.

A review of Rob. Ritter v. Dornbrowski's *Ornis Romaniae*. Contains remarks on the nature of certain new species here proposed.

**Ornithologische Monatsschrift.** Vol. 37, No. 6-7.

No. 6 contains an article on Light-houses and Bird Protection. By Dr. Carl R. Henniche.

No. 7. Ornithological Observations on the island of Æsel (on the west coast of Russia). By Leon Freih. von Campenhausen.

**Revue Française d'Ornithologie.** IV, No. 39. July, 1912.

Ornithological Notes from Tunis (continued in No. 40). By Dr. Millet-Horsin.

Wintering of Indigenous and Exotic Birds in the Open Air. By A. René Bacon.

**Revue Française d'Ornithologie.** IV, No. 40. August, 1912.

The Harvest of the Ostrich Plumes.—A refutation of certain charges of cruelty.

Persistence of the Instinct of the Wild Duck in Captivity.—V. Meilheurat.

#### Ornithological Articles in other Journals.

**Dewar, J. M.** The Evolutions of Waders. (The Zoölogist, No. 851. May 15, 1912).—Discussion of the wheeling etc. of flocks of Shore-birds and their probable explanation.

**Selous, E.** Domestic Habits of the Red-throated Diver (concluded), (The Zoölogist, No. 852. June 15, 1912).

**Harvie-Brown, J. A.** Habits of the Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*). (The Zoölogist, No. 853. July 15, 1912).

**Stubbs, F. J.** Notes on the Habits and Coloration of the Common Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*). (The Zoölogist, No. 854. August, 1912).—Discusses metallic colors of feathers.

**Ingram, C.** On the Furze Warblers of France. (The Zoölogist, No. 854. August, 1912).—*Sylvia undata aemoricus* de Palluel, a valid race.

**Harvie-Brown, J. A.** The Fulmar: Its Past and Present Distribution as a Breeding Species in the British Isles. (The Scottish Naturalist, June, 1912).—A detailed discussion, with an excellent map.

**Thomson, A. L.** Aberdeen University Bird Migration Inquiry: First Interim Report (1909-12). (The Scottish Naturalist, June and July, 1912).—A report on reappearances of ringed birds,—56 cases are listed in these two installments.